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SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Is there any special reason why this Government did not represent the matter to the Government of India, when Travancore–Cochin had already represented the matter and some remedial measures are being taken? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that if there is necessity to represent to the Government of India, the question will be considered."

Permanent Wage Board.

* 463 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to set up a permanent wage board in the State to fix fair wages to the workers with tripartite composition as per the recommendation of the Planning Commission? 3-30 p.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No proposal of the kind mentioned by the hon. Member is under consideration."

Closure of Mohanram Mills at Madurai.

* 464 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the management of the Mohanram Mills at Madurai gave notice to the Government about the closure of the Mill before such closure; and

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take for the reopening of the Mills?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The question whether the Mill was closed for bona fide reasons is under examination."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" On what date did the management give notice to the Government, to the Labour Department and to the workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The management gave notice of closure of the mills to the Government on 8th February 1954."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know when the mill was closed? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no information. A separate question may be put."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I understand that the mill was closed on 8th February. The Hon. Minister says that they have received notice of closure of the mills on 8th February. May I request the Hon. Minister to clarify the position? Will he go into the matter and find out whether the management did give sufficient notice to the workers about the closure of the mills? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the information of the hon. Member tallies with my information. I do not know where there is inconsistency."

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SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, 8-ம் தேதி நோட்டீஸ் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது, 8-ம் தேதியே அந்த தொழிற்சாலை மூடப்பட்டது. ஆகையினால் உடனடியாக அரசாங்கம் இதை கவனிக்குமா ? அதைப்பற்றி விசாரணை செய்யுமா என்றும் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" May I request the hon. Member to give me the number of any section of the Industrial Disputes Act wherein it is said that such and such time must elapse between the closure of the mills and issue of notice to the workers? "

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the management of this particular mill is paying compensation to the workers under the Industrial Disputes Act as amended in 1953? If not, will the Government take necessary action against the management and prosecute them for disobeying the Act? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The management have given two assurances, viz. :—

(1) that they will give compensation to the workers on the scale laid down under the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act of 1954, viz., one month's wages in lieu of gratuity and other benefits; and

(2) that when the factory reopens all the discharged workers will be taken back according to seniority."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that the management have not given any such compensation to the workers up to now? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said previously, the mill was closed on 8th February. We are now at the fag end of March. We are approaching 1st of April. The hon. Member himself knows that I cannot give a ready answer to his question. Let me inform him that that matter is being examined and is under consideration."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What are the reasons for the closure of this mill? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Loss is the only reason."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள், அங்குள்ள மானேஜ்மெண்டார் இரண்டு வாக்குறுதி கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று, ஒன்று சட்ட பூர்வமாக அவர்களுக்கு நஷ்ட ஈடு கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்றும், மற்றொன்று திரும்பவும் மில் ஆரம்பித்தால் சீனியாரிட்டிப்படி அவர்களை மீண்டும் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்படும் என்றும், எந்த காரணத்தினால் மில் மூடப்பட்டது என்று சர்க்கார் அவர்களைக் கேட்டிருக்கிறார்களா ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have just mentioned that the Government are satisfied that the management have closed down the mill due to their having incurred heavy losses."

SRI T. K. RAMA :—" தனி நெசவுக்காரர்களுக்கு ஸ்தாபனச் செலவு இல்லை. ஐக்கிய சங்கங்களிலுள்ள நெசவுக்காரர்களுக்கு சர்க்கார் சலுகைகளும் அபிமானமுமிருக்கிறது. இப்படிப்பட்ட சலுகையும் அபிமானமும் இல்லாததால் இது போன்ற பாக்டரி முறையில் நடைபெறும் கைத்தறி ஸ்தாபனங்கள் மூடுவதைத் தவிர வேறு வழியில்லை என்பதை சர்க்கார் அறியுமா ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" What has that to do with the main question, Sir? "

Revision of pay of Assistant Public Prosecutors.

* 465 Q.—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government on the representation made by the Association of the Assistant Public Prosecutors replied that the raising of their pay was under their consideration;

(b) whether the Government intend raising their pay; and

(c) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) & (c) The question of revision of pay was considered and dropped."

SRI K. ISHWARA :—" How long will it take for the Government to consider the increase of pay of these Assistant Public Prosecutors? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The question was considered. Owing to the financial implications involved, we had to drop it."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know when these representations were made and when replies were given by the Government to the Association? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I have not got the correct dates with me now."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Are the Government aware that when applications are called for, for an Assistant Public Prosecutor's post, suitable applicants are not coming forward in view of the fact that the post carries with it a very meagre salary? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" We are getting candidates."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Because the pay of the Assistant Public Prosecutor is on a par with that of the Sub-Magistrate, may I know whether there was any agitation by the Sub-Magistrates that their pay also should be increased along with the Assistant Public Prosecutors? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Every cadre requires revision. An increase of pay in one cadre will necessitate increase in other cadres also."